

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: /

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2,
insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9,
insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 2,
insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12,
insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line
12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As shown in Figure 2, two lightning arrester elements
have been associated in parallel, namely a Zener diode lightning
arrester element 1 of the type in which a short circuit is
established between its terminals when a certain level of voltage
surge is attained, and a varistor 3, so that their respective
terminals c and c', on the one hand, and d and d', on the other
hand, are common.--